

# Memorandum



**Date:** December 9, 2004

**To:** Honorable Javier D. Souto, Chairperson  
and Members, Recreation & Cultural Affairs  
Committee

**From:** George M. Burgess  
County Manager

**Subject:** Library's Capital Plan Report-December, 2004

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The following report is an update to the Library Capital Plan.

**Golden Glades Branch Library:** Contractual documents have been completed and executed by the Contractor, the Clerk and the County Manager. A pre-construction meeting was held this morning, Thursday, December 9. Groundbreaking, which was initially delayed pending the execution of all documents, is expected to take place later this month or in early January. (NE 166<sup>th</sup> St., between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue-District 2).

**Naranja Branch Library:** GSA has completed all construction drawings to the Library System and is awaiting completion of the landscaping plan prior to beginning the permitting process. Construction is slated to begin next summer.  
(SW 280<sup>th</sup> Street and 147<sup>th</sup> Avenue-Royal Colonial Park-District 8).

**Kendale Lakes Branch Library:** GSA has completed all construction drawings to the Library System and has now completed the landscaping plan. Permitting process will begin during the week of 12/13. Construction to begin next summer. (SW 152<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Kendall Drive-District 11).

**Pinecrest Branch Library:** Interlocal Agreement with the Village of Pinecrest was approved by the BCC in July. Architectural plans are being finalized. The Village expects to begin construction early next year. (5835 SW 111<sup>th</sup> St., Pinecrest-District 7)

**District 2 NW Branch Library:** The Library System and GSA have completed an initial site plan and met with the County's Site Review Committee. Suggestions made by Planning and Zoning are now being addressed. The Library and GSA have now met with Public Housing which will transfer the land to the library through Commission action next year. The Government Facilities process will continue with a meeting on January 12, 2005 before Community Council #8. After public input and approval of the site has been given, GSA will submit its plans to the REC and BCC. The 7500 square foot library will be located on a 1.6 acre parcel fronting NW 22<sup>nd</sup> avenue and 72<sup>nd</sup> St.

**Concord Branch Library:** Inaugurated on September 10, 2004. (3882 SW 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue-District 10).

**Palm Springs North Branch Library** (17611 NW 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue): Inaugurated on November 29, 2004. (District 13)

**California Club Branch Library:** Lease was approved by the BCC in July. The Library completed drafting plans for the build-out of the facility. Landlord has begun demolition and the build-out. Branch is expected to open by spring, 2005. (850 Ives Dairy Road-Districts 1 & 4).

**Sunset Branch Library:** Negotiations have been completed and both sides have agreed on all business terms. Lease is currently being drafted by GSA for submittal to the landlord. The 3000 square foot library would be located at the Sunset Plaza Shopping Center on SW 108<sup>th</sup> avenue and Sunset Drive. A September, 2005 opening is projected. (District 10)

**Virrick Park Branch Library:** An architect has been selected for the City of Miami facility. However, contractual issues exist between the City and the architectural firm which have delayed completion of the plans. The 8-month construction project is now slated to begin next summer with a 2006 library opening. (3255 Plaza Street, Miami-District 7)

**Palmetto Bay Branch Library:** The Library System received a proposal from the Village of Palmetto Bay for the construction of a library adjacent to a future park. GSA, the Library and Village officials met on November 10 to initiate negotiations. The Village proposes to build a 5,000 sq. ft. facility and lease it to the Library System. The library would be built with frontage on Old Cutler Road. (District 8)

**Renovations:** The Library System has successfully completed on schedule its planned FY '03/04 renovations of the Culmer / Overtown, Edison Center and North Dade Regional Libraries. The Library System is presently undertaking an extensive renovation of its West Flagler Branch Library which it closed to the public on September 1<sup>st</sup>. The branch is expected to reopen in summer 2005. Additionally, the Library System will begin extensive renovations next year at its Northeast and Shenandoah Branches and at the West Dade Regional Library. Improvements will also be performed at the South Miami and Coral Gables Branches.

#### **Additional New Libraries on the Horizon**

**Miami Beach Regional:** The Library System officially accepted transfer of the facility on December 6, 2004. The new facility is expected to open in March, 2005.

**South Shore Branch Library:** The build-out of the new space has been completed by the developer, The Courts Condominiums which is planning to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy later this month after the installation of shelving and furnishings. The branch will be relocated from its 1800 square foot space on Washington Avenue to a 5000 square foot bay at 131 Alton Road. The City of Miami Beach has purchased this space from the developer. The Library System is planning for a February opening of this new facility. (District 5)

**Fairlawn:** The Library System is moving the branch, presently located at 6869 SW 8<sup>th</sup> St., to a new facility with more expanded parking for patrons. The Library System is leasing a 4000 square foot bay which is being constructed to its specifications. Construction on the new site, located at 6376 SW 8<sup>th</sup> St., is expected to be completed in February. An April, 2005 opening is projected. (District 6)

**Sunny Isles Branch Library:** Construction on the new City Hall continues. It will house a 7500 sq. ft. library on its first floor. If the building is handed over to the Library System in February 2005, an April opening is projected. (18070 Collins Avenue-District 4).